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The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on February 27, 2003 has been considered by the examiner and none of the prior art references of record, either individually or in combination, are seen to disclose, teach, or suggest the specific tire construction of the claimed invention.

  
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